

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Robert E. Vaughn, son of the late Georgie Hawkins, lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Marietta Faye Elbert, daughter of Cornelius (Frazier) Elbert of Hannibal and the late Gene Elbert, during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Vernon Frazier, uncle of the bride, on May 28, 1955, at the home of the bride's grandmother in Bowling Green, Missouri, and attended by Archie Kelly and Barbara (Blue) Harding; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Robert and Marietta Vaughn have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Joy and Anthony Byrd, Robert Jr. and Amy Vaughn, Georgiana and Matt Hawkins, Shelia and Robert Bell, George "Bud" Vaughn, Vivian and Ron Carter, Mary Eujetta Vaughn, Linda DarDen, Reginald and Kay Burton, Tonda Burton, Vicky Burton, Brian and Carla Burton, and Curtis and Cynthia Vaughn; thirty-one grandchildren, three of whom are angels in heaven; and twenty-five great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, now retired, Robert Vaughn has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes working as a heavy equipment operator at Holcim, Incorporated, in Clarksville for twenty-eight years and for Robie Robinson Lumber Company in New London for fifteen years; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Marietta Vaughn further distinguished herself as a cook and kitchen manager in various eating establishments in the Hannibal and Louisiana areas for over forty years prior to assuming her current responsibilities as a Bowling Green Head Start foster grandparent and as Pastor of the Second Christian Church in New London, where she has served since 1993; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn of Frankford commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on June 10, 2005, at the Quality Inn and Suites in Hannibal:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously in extending our most hearty congratulations to Robert and Marietta Vaughn and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Vaughn, Sr.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Terry L. Witte  
District No. 10

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3756, adopted June 14, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker